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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

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Please enter the following Response in the above-identified patent application.

**REMARKS**

This Response is to the restriction/election requirement mailed on October 13, 2006. The restriction/election requirement requires Applicants to elect one of the following Groups under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1 to 29, drawn to a catheter set, classified in class 604, subclass 523.
- II. Claims 31 to 43, drawn to a method of inserting a catheter, classified in class 604, subclass 500.
- III. Claim 44, drawn to a method of implanting a catheter, classified in class 604, subclass 502.